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TO : Assistant Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 8 April 1952

FROM : Comptroller

SUBJECT: Inadequacy of Information on Project Plans

Our comments with respect to the attached memorandum from the Auditor-in-Chief to the DD/A are as follows and are in the same order as his recommendations:

1. There is in process at the present time a revision of procedure [] which provides for project plans to include the breakdown described and proposed by the Auditor-in-Chief.

2. Present [] is in process of revision and when completed will describe more specifically than heretofore those project actions which must be submitted to PRC. The factors included in the project plans will, of course, be reviewed by PRC for all projects submitted to that Committee.

3. At the present time, the Comptroller's Office is actively engaged in planning and developing an obligation accounting system for the Agency which it is contemplated will enable the Comptroller's Office to submit meaningful reports for the information and guidance of management of the financial status of projects. The development and implementation of such a system, however, is a long term proposition. We have established no later than 1 July 1952 as a target date for accomplishing this development and installation. This target date is not unrealistic but due to the many facets and complexities of the problem, its attainment by that date is not entirely guaranteed.

4. We agree that the report of the financial status of projects should be reviewed and analyzed for such things as obligations being out of line with the purpose of the approved project. However, we believe that this type of financial review should be a function of the Comptroller's Office rather than a committee such as CCC. We have discussed this with the Auditor-in-Chief and he agrees that such a review should be more appropriately performed by the Comptroller. He also agrees that in order for the Comptroller to perform this financial analysis and other desirable financial analyses, there should be established

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in the Comptroller's Office a small but highly graded group of financial analysts. It is suggested that we further discuss this with you at your convenience. *OK*

The preparation of this memorandum has been delayed to a degree by our desire to discuss the proposal of the Auditor-in-Chief with him prior to preparing our comments. Since he was absent for two weeks we were not able to have such a discussion until recently.



E. R. SAUNDERS

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16 Apr 52 DATE		
TO: Mr. Wolf		
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REMARKS: I would like to discuss my recent talk with [redacted] with you and even have you or both of us talk to Saunders about this general situation		
FROM:	[redacted]	
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